

July 24, 2015

Memorandum #2015-92

TO: Sea Level Rise Advisory Committee

BY: Ben McFarlane, HRPDC Senior Regional Planner

RE: Meeting of the HRPDC Sea Level Rise Advisory Committee
July 31, 2015
RSVP – July 29, 2015

The next meeting of the **Sea Level Rise Advisory Committee** will be held on **July 31, 2015** from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in the HRPDC Board Room, the Regional Building, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake. The agenda and related materials are attached.

Please RSVP by July 29, 2015 so we may make appropriate logistical arrangements. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attachments

BJM/jc

Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise – Voting Members:

Joseph Brogan, YK
Fred Brusso, PO
Garrey W. Curry Jr., GL
Phil Davenport, VB
Donald E. Goodwin, FR/SH
Scott Mills, SU
Carolyn Murphy, WM

James Peterson, HA
Ellen Roberts P.E., PQ
Rhonda L. Russell AICP, SY
Mohammad Shar, NN
Peter Stephenson, SM
Beverly Walkup, IW
Ron Williams, NO

Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise – Alternate Members:

Anne Ducey-Ortiz, GL
Gayle E. Hicks, HA
C. Gregory Johnson, VB
Claire Jones, SU
Meg Pittenger, PO

Jim A. Redick, NO
William Saunders, SM
Ken Somerset, PQ
Matt Westheimer, WM
James D. White, CH

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Joe Turner

AGENDA
MEETING OF THE HRPDC SEA LEVEL RISE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JULY 31, 2015
9:30 A.M.

1. Summary of the May 29, 2015 Meeting of the Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise

The summary and attendance sheet of the May 29, 2015 Meeting of the Special Committee on Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise are attached.

Attachments: 1A – May 2015 Meeting Summary
1B – May 2015 Meeting Attendance

ACTION: Accept the Meeting Summary

2. Public Comments

3. HRPDC Work Program Discussion

The HRPDC staff has proposed including a sea level rise element in the HRPDC Work Program for FY 15-16. The staff is seeking input from the Committee on specific tasks or projects that could be conducted under this new element. The HRPDC staff will lead a discussion by the Committee on potential items that should be included in the HRPDC work program.

ACTION: None required.

4. Updates on University Efforts Related to Sea Level Rise and Recurrent Flooding

Several academic institutions in Hampton Roads are working on projects related to recurrent flooding and sea level rise. Representatives will be given an opportunity to brief the Committee on their respective efforts.

ACTION: None required.

5. Dutch Dialogues

The Dutch Dialogues workshop was held June 19-23, 2015 at the Slover Library in Norfolk. Three teams looked at the region, the Tidewater Drive district of Norfolk, and the Newmarket Creek watershed in Hampton and Newport News to develop potential water management strategies. The HRPDC staff will brief the Committee on the outcomes from the regional group.

Attachment: 4A – Dutch Dialogues Regional Presentation

ACTION: None required.

6. National Disaster Resilience Competition

The National Disaster Resilience Competition is a grant program offered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that will make \$1 billion available to communities that were significantly affected by natural disasters between 2011 and 2013. The goal of the program is to fund innovative resilience projects to help communities address current and future risks from storms and other extreme events. The HRPDC staff will update the Committee on the status of the state's application.

ACTION: None required.

7. Regional Sea Level Rise Inundation Maps

The HRPDC was awarded a grant in fall 2013 for Sea Level Rise Planning and Technical Assistance. One of the deliverables of this grant is the production of updated sea level rise inundation maps incorporating new LIDAR elevation data obtained from the federal government. The HRPDC staff will brief the Committee on the methodology used to develop the new maps and present draft maps for consideration.

ACTION: None required.

8. Update on State Efforts Related to Sea Level Rise and Recurrent Flooding

The HRPDC staff will update the Committee on the Governor's Climate Change and Resiliency Update Commission and the Joint Subcommittee to Formulate Recommendations to Address Recurrent Flooding.

ACTION: None required.

9. Updates on Local Efforts Related to Sea Level Rise and Recurrent Flooding

Representatives from localities will be given an opportunity to brief the Committee on their respective efforts.

ACTION: None required.

10. Other Matters